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McManus introduces concealed weapon permit reform

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Lansing – Legislation introduced Tuesday in the Michigan Senate would transfer the authority to issue concealed weapons permits from local county gun boards to the Secretary of State.

"Transferring this responsibility to the state level will reduce costs for Michigan counties and streamline the process for applicants," said Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau), the bill's sponsor. "This is important for permit seekers as well as state and local governments."

Under SB 891, individuals seeking weapons permits would apply at their local Secretary of State office rather than through their county clerk.

The legislation and SB 892, a companion bill introduced by Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), are awaiting committee assignment.

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